



State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2004 - 35

STATE HAZARD MITIGATION TEAM

- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, set forth in R.S. 29:721 *et seq.*, recognizes “the existing possibility of the occurrence of emergencies and disasters of unprecedented size and destructiveness resulting from terrorist events, enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or from fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural or man-made causes,” and designates the Military Department, state of Louisiana, the State Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Agency;
- WHEREAS,** disaster preparedness assistance is provided by federal grants and through federal programs to states designating an agency to plan and administer disaster preparedness programs and to improve and update disaster assistance plans, Public Law 93-288, Title II §201; 42 U.S.C.A. §5131, *et seq.*; and
- WHEREAS,** the Hazard Mitigation Team was originally established by executive order to ensure that homeland security and emergency preparations for the state of Louisiana are adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, to preserve the lives and property of the people of the state of Louisiana, and to respond to emergencies in the event a state of emergency or disaster is declared by either the Governor or the President;
- NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO,** Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:
- SECTION 1:** The State Hazard Mitigation Team (hereafter “Team”) is reestablished and continued within the Military Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Office of the Governor;
- SECTION 2:** The duties and functions of the Team shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- A. Identifying the state of Louisiana’s vulnerability to hazards;
 - B. Reviewing existing mitigation plans and prioritizing recommendations;
 - C. Developing or updating Hazard Mitigation Plans required under 44 CFR Subpart M;
 - D. Developing a comprehensive strategy for the development and implementation of a State Mitigation Program;
 - E. Reviewing, assigning priority, and recommending mitigation actions for implementation, including measures to be funded under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program or other federal grant programs; and
 - F. Seeking funding for implementation of mitigation measures.
- SECTION 3:** The Team shall be composed of representatives appointed from the following state agencies:

- A. The Military Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Office of the Governor;
- B. The Department of Transportation and Development;
- C. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries;
- D. The Department of Environmental Quality;
- E. The Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Restoration and Management; and
- F. The Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

SECTION 4: The chair of the Team shall be the adjutant general of the Military Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

SECTION 5: The Team shall meet quarterly and at the call of the chair.

- SECTION 6:**
- A. Team members shall not receive additional compensation or a per diem from the Office of the Governor for serving on the Team.
 - B. Team members who are employees or elected public officials of the state of Louisiana or a political subdivision thereof may seek reimbursement of travel expenses, in accordance with PPM 49, from their employing and/or elected department, agency and/or office.
 - C. Team members who are also members of the Louisiana Legislature may seek a per diem from the Louisiana State Senate or House of Representatives, as appropriate, for their attendance.

SECTION 7: Support staff, facilities, and resources for the Team shall be provided by the Military Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

SECTION 8: All departments, commissions, boards, offices, entities, agencies, and officers of the state of Louisiana, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Team in implementing the provisions of this Order.

SECTION 9: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 20th day of August, 2004.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE